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SENATOR TYSON: Senator Hilgert, thank you very much for one word that you used there, and that word is penalty. This seeks to penalize the employer, who didn't will the man to have an accident, who didn't cause the accident because of the no-fault that I spoke of earlier. What this is is a way of sticking it to the employer. Now I would point out that we spend a lot of time in the state of Nebraska, not just in this Legislature,...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR TYSON: ...but by the Department of Economic Development and everything else trying to convince people that it is a good place to come to start a business. You come from the city of Omaha. A man is looking at Omaha to start a business. This won't be the only thing that decides him, but, Senator Hilgert, Mr. Speaker, and members of the body, it will be one more little bit of weight telling him don't come to Nebraska, go to Council Bluffs. It is just a short ride across the river, and it's closer to the casinos. The provision that you would have, which could cost a man 20, 30, 40, 45, 50 thousand dollars a year per employee has got to be a consideration. And it is for this reason, Mr. Speaker, and, Senator Hilgert, and members, that I oppose the Hilgert amendment as I oppose this bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time. Mr. Clerk, do you have any items for the record?

I do, Mr. President. Enrollment and Review reports LB 623, (LB) 710, (LB) 474, (LB) 853, (LB) 226, (LB) 152 to Select File, all of...some of which have Enrollment and Review amendments attached. In addition to those items, reports (LB) 647 indefinitely postponed. General Affairs reports (LB) 120 to General File, and LB 17, (LB) 288, (LB) 581, (LB) 613 as indefinitely postponed. Banking reports LB 555, and (LB) 740, General File, and (LB) 523 to General File with amendments, those all signed by their respective chairs. Hearing notice from Health Committee, signed by Senator Wesely. (Read LB 635A and LB 256A by title for the first New A bills. time.) I have amendments to be printed by Senator Hilgert to LB 245. (See pages 789-94 of the Legislative Journal.)